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WANTS TO ARBITRATE

RUMOR IN VENEZUELA THAT BRITAIN IS HEDGING.

Says Negotiations Can Only Be Resolved Through the United States—Explosion on the Illinois Drainage Canal—Big Storm in the East.

President Crespo Is Firm. It is rumored in Caracas that England, believing that the United States is determined to fight, is now willing to arbitrate with Venezuela and wishes to resume diplomatic relations for that reason. The Venezuelan Government, while declining to speak officially regarding this rumor, admits that Venezuela cannot now renew negotiations or receive any communication except through the United States. There is great excitement over a dispatch cable to the London Times, and everyone demands the expulsion of the Times correspondent, Charles Akers. The American minister said in an interview that such action would be in accord with the justice and his country was accepted. The society for the defense of Venezuelan territory has elected Cleveland and Crespo honorary presidents. It offers the government \$50,000 men ready for war.

PANIC AND DEATH.

Twenty-four People Die in a Baltimore Panic.

In a senseless panic, caused by a defective gas burner and a foolish cry of fire at the old Front Street Theater, in Baltimore, Friday night, twenty-four persons were killed, two fatally injured and ten more seriously hurt. Almost all of the victims are of Polish nativity and Hebrew extraction. The theater was filled with an audience assembled to listen to Hebrew opera. There were at least 3,000 persons present when the curtain went up. One of the attendants went to light a gas jet which appeared to have been extinguished. As he turned the cock and applied the light, the light flared up, and it was seen there was no tip to the burner. The jet was in plain view of the greater part of the audience, but as the glare from it shined against the wall some one in the gallery shouted: "Fire, fire, fire!" In an instant there was a mad scramble, in which the whole audience took part. The vandals reached the entrance on Front street, pushed on by the howling, shrieking mob behind them. There, those in the foremost rank were compelled to turn to the right and to the left to reach the double entrance way, built in the form of storm doors. As the crowd came from the two doors, one on the right, the other on the left, reached the landing they met. There was a brief struggle, and then some one lost his or her footing and fell. In an instant the crowd, pushed with irresistible force from the rear, crowded upon the prostrate form and began to turn to stumble and fall, and many were hurled over the floor under the myriads of feet coming like a herd of frightened buffaloes from behind. In less time than it takes to tell, the landing was packed twenty or thirty deep with the panic-stricken multitude and the hundreds behind them were struggling over them to reach the street.

IT SHOOK THE EARTH.

Explosion of 4,000 Pounds of Dynamite on Chicago Drainage Canal.

Four thousand pounds of dynamite, stored in a little frame shed less than one thousand feet from the Chicago drainage canal at Rome, exploded at 4 o'clock Friday morning, and the terrific concussion was communicated to an area circumscribed by a circle four miles in diameter. Every symptom of a powerful seismic disturbance was created by the power of the explosive material. Strata of limestone rock, dipping and falling in regular waves, were disturbed as if by some overwhelming subterranean power, and in districts where the strata came to the surface of the earth, houses were perceptibly jarred, dishes rattled, clocks stopped and the outpouring of startled people caused alarm in the neighborhoods. No one was hurt, but much damage was done to window glass in surrounding towns.

Blizzard Weather.

Heavy storms of snow, sleet, and rain swept over the Ohio Valley Thursday, prostrating the telegraph and telephone wires. At Indianapolis the storm was greatest. It is the heaviest since New England, attacked by heavy gales. Western Pennsylvania and Western New York were visited by heavy snowfalls, interspersed with sleet and rain. In New York the storm was the most severe the city has ever experienced since the weather bureau was established. At 2 o'clock the velocity of the wind was thirty miles an hour, five miles higher than the highest record for the city. The temperature fell fourteen degrees. At Long Branch the maximum velocity of the wind during the night was seventy-two miles an hour. At Sandy Hook it blew at the rate of fifty-two miles an hour. The gale struck the city shortly after 11 o'clock. There was a sudden mighty rush, a deluge of rain, and for ten minutes the conditions were cyclonic. Scaffolding, plate-glass windows, swinging signs, and many trees in various parts of the city were blown down. In the suburbs where the houses were isolated, but there were no reports of any serious injury or loss of life.

St. Louis Beats Her Own Time.

The American liner St. Louis made the westward passage in six days, thirteen hours and twenty minutes, thus setting her best previous westward record by two hours and thirty-nine minutes. She encountered a heavy north-northeast gale.

Where Music Doesn't Pay Board.

The members of the Missouri State University Glee and Banjo Club were held at Atchison, Kan., for a board bill. The club played to less than fifty people and could not leave for the next stand at St. Joseph, because of the lack of funds to pay their hotel bill.

Spaniards Shaken Up.

An earthquake shock has been experienced in the districts of Orense, Viana, Puebla de Tribes, Lugo and Valdeorras, in the Province of Galicia, Spain.

To Export Cattle on the Hoof.

Shipments of live cattle to Great Britain, via Boston, will probably be largely increased in the near future. Armour & Co. have commenced to export steers on the hoof and will probably be numbered among the largest exporters. Their shipments will be largely made from Boston.

City Threatened with Famine.

El Dorado Springs, Mo., a city of 3,000 population, said to be the largest in the United States without a railroad, is in danger of a famine on account of the floods. No freight can get in, and shipments of holiday goods are yet miles away, at inaccessible shipping points.

DRIVE TARS PERISH.

Vessels Wrecked by the Terrible Gale in the Irish Sea.

The British ship Moresby, Capt. Coomber, was stranded off the Ballinacorney lighthouse, near Dungarvey, about a mile and a half from the Irish shore. Her crew, numbering thirty-six men, were jammed to her rigging throughout the night, and it was feared they would perish, as the sea was so heavy as to render it impossible for a lifeboat to live any length of time. After daylight a lifeboat managed to reach the ship and took off nineteen of the imperiled seamen. The vessel was breaking up when the lifeboat was compelled to leave her and went to pieces shortly afterward, the remaining seventeen members of the crew going down with her. A large three-masted vessel has been seen flying signals of distress in Kingston Bay. A lifeboat which went to her assistance was capsized and her crew of sixteen men were drowned. A second lifeboat which started for the rescue was also overturned, but the crew managed to reach the boat and was finally righted. The fate of the third vessel is not known.

REBEL SUCCESS BOOMS SUGAR.

Price Advances One-Eighth and a Further Rise Is Expected.

Sugar advances 1/8 cent per pound Thursday and promises to advance still further. The causes are the recent insurgent victories in Cuba and the fact that the American Sugar Refining Company, commonly called the sugar trust, is fully alive to the situation. This is the season of the year when the demand is small and stocks are always allowed to run low. Hard times have furnished an additional excuse for carrying light stocks, and wholesalers and retailers throughout the country never before had so light a supply. The announcements of the insurgent victories set many dealers to thinking and induced many of them to wire good buying orders to the agents of the trust. The latter had accordingly read the newspapers and had marked prices up as above. Thursday's advance is the third ordered by the trust during December, and makes a total advance of 5-16 cent at a time when declines are usually expected.

HAD NARROW ESCAPES.

Two Men Dragged from a Burning Building at Burlington, Iowa.

At Burlington, Iowa, Strickland's livery and boarding stables caught fire and the building was totally destroyed. The eight men who were in the building and two men had narrow escapes from death. A stable employee was dragged from his bed unconscious, but soon recovered. A negro in an adjoining building was carried off by firemen just in time to save his life. About twenty of the horses owned by the stable were being boarded at the stable. The Adams express horses had been in the stable but thirty minutes when the fire broke out. Total loss on stock, buggies and building is \$40,000.

PAUL ON A TRAIN.

A rain of leaden bullets swept the smoking car of the east-bound Monon express as it picked its way out of Chicago Tuesday evening, and the panic-stricken passengers crawled beneath the seats with shouts of "train robbers" and "train robbers." The occupants of the swiftly moving coach were startled by the abrupt appearance of a wild-eyed man who entered the forward door at about the same time that a one-armed man stepped into the car at the rear. The wild-eyed man started to reach for a passenger's pocket, but was stopped by the one-armed man and fired. The one-armed man was seen to stagger for a moment, but recovering instantly, returned the fire, striking his antagonist in the left arm. The passengers by this time were panic-stricken and fell over one another to escape the supposed train robbers. By this time the two supposed desperadoes had grappled and were struggling desperately for the mastery. In a moment they were pounced on by several passengers and trainmen, and the wild-looking fellow was overpowered. When he was over and safely secured the frightened passengers crawled out from under their seats and asked if the train robbers had been captured. In the midst of the hubbub after the capture, and while Conductor Fryer was conferring as to what to do, a man suddenly leaped to his feet, broke from his captors and bounded out of the open doorway, disappearing in the darkness. Two hours later he was captured in a saloon in Englewood, where he was taken to the station and held for the police. The madman is John Weinhardt, and he has but recently been released on parole from the Indiana State asylum for insane at Indianapolis. The one-armed man is David McQuaid, a railroad detective and member of Chief Andrew Haley, of the Monon route.

Two Men Injured.

The worst accident in the history of the Chicago Metropolitan Elevated Railroad occurred Monday morning when a west-bound passenger car became unmanageable as it neared the 48th street terminus and plunged to the ground, a distance of twenty feet. The motorman and conductor were injured. The motor car stopped at the West 48th avenue station, where several passengers were let off. Motorman Brady received the signal to go on, and when he applied the current the car started forward with a rush. Before he could apply the brakes and reverse the current the car ran into the bumpers. The bumpers were broken and the car plunged downward. The front end of the motor landed in the street, while the rear wheels remained on the elevated structure.

Welcomed to Tegucigalpa.

United States Minister P. M. B. Young has arrived at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, under instructions from his government to arrange certain matters pending between the two governments. He was accorded a cordial reception by the government and by the American citizens.

Kentucky Lynchers Felled.

At Glasgow, Ky., a desperate but futile attempt was made to lynch Brock Steinberger, charged with the killing of his cousin, Anna Belle Steinberger. The sheriff rushed the prisoner to the depot and finally succeeded in landing him safely in Bowling Green.

Dr. James E. Reeves Is Dying.

The death of Dr. James E. Reeves, one of the founders of the American Public Health Association, which he organized in 1885, is imminent. He is suffering from cancer of the throat and has been unable to eat for several days. He is now in the hands of the government and by the American citizens.

Master of Exchange Gone.

Good King, master of the Exchange of Monitor Dispatch, No. 68, Knight of Pythias, is missing from St. Louis, and along with him, it is reported, have gone \$2,000 of the funds of the lodge.

Stock Funds Is Over.

A New York dispatch says: Wall street is rapidly recovering from its setback, and the feeling Monday was about as good as it has been for some time. The market was up to the normal mark. This was

TARIFF IN THE HOUSE

DINGLEY BILL GOES THROUGH WITH A RUSH.

Measure Forced Through the House to Increase Revenue by a Horizontal Increase in the Tariff—Passed by a Vote of 205 to 81.

With Whip and Spur.

The House Thursday responded to the appeal of the President by passing a tariff bill, the operation of which is limited to two and a half years and which is designed to raise \$40,000,000 for the relief of the treasury. The vote was on party lines with two exceptions. The Republicans all voted for the bill except Hartman (Mont.), who did not vote, and the Democrats and Populists against it. The bill was passed by a vote of 205 to 81. The measure is a tariff bill, and is designed to raise \$40,000,000 for the relief of the treasury. The vote was on party lines with two exceptions. The Republicans all voted for the bill except Hartman (Mont.), who did not vote, and the Democrats and Populists against it. The bill was passed by a vote of 205 to 81. The measure is a tariff bill, and is designed to raise \$40,000,000 for the relief of the treasury. The vote was on party lines with two exceptions. 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The Avalanche.

J. C. HANSON, LOCAL EDITOR

THURSDAY, JAN. 2, 1896.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Read Rosenthal's Holiday Greeting.

Mrs. H. Buck, of Maple Forest, was in town Friday.

S. H. & Co. offer your choice of Boys Caps for only 50 cents.

Tim Webster, of Frederic, was in town last Friday.

For California fruit, of all kinds go to C. Wight's restaurant.

How many good resolutions, made yesterday, are already broken.

See R. Meyer's advertisement in another column.

Fred. Hoeft, Treasurer of Blaine Township, was in town, Thursday.

Dolls and Toys, at Fournier's Drug Store.

John J. Coventry, of Maple Forest, was in town, Friday.

For harness or quick repairs, go to M. F. Merrill's harness shop.

H. Schretter, of Grove, was in town Saturday.

For fresh Apples, Bananas and Oranges go to C. Wight's restaurant.

Olsen, the man who cut his throat last week, died Thursday morning.

Miss L. E. Barker, of Lewiston, spent Christmas with friends here.

Buy your Underwear at Saling, Hanson & Co.

J. E. McKnight went to Alpena last week, on business.

O. Palmer offers a good young work team, medium weight, for sale cheap.

C. L. Trombly was quite sick for several days, last week.

Sheriff Chalker went to Tawas City, last Saturday, on business.

Go and get bargains in Shoes at the store of S. H. & Co.

The officers of Grayling Chapter, R. A. M., were installed last Saturday evening.

Mrs. H. Trumley had the pleasure of entertaining her brother, during the past week.

The pension of A. B. Corwin, of this township, has been increased to \$10.00 per month.

They just suit me, is the verdict of all who drink Claggett's Tea. Best 25, 35 and 50 cent Teas in the city.

Joe Rosenthal made his semi-weekly visit outside last Saturday evening, returning Monday.

Great Bargains in Ladies Shoes, at S. H. & Co.

L. H. Richardson, of South Branch, attended the installation services of Grayling Masonic Lodge.

Miss Edna Keeler returned from a visit with friends in Bay City, last Saturday.

Miss Wanless, music teacher, returned from Bay City, last Friday evening.

Mrs. Dr. Wolfe had the pleasure of entertaining her father and mother, of Metamora, last week.

Chas. Butler received a visit last week, from his brother and wife, of Almont, Mich.

Wm. Woodburn went to Dansville, Monday, to spend New Year's day with his daughter, Mrs. Riker.

Use Pratt's Poultry Food for your chickens. For sale by Saling, Hanson & Co.

Try a mixture of Claggett's Mandala Java and Mocha Coffee. He makes them and you drink them. It will do you good.

L. W. Ostrander, and wife, came down from Atlanta, to pass the holidays with friends in this vicinity.

Messieurs Woodworth and Evans, and Misses Maude and Mary Staley, were visitors at Lewiston, last week.

Amos Cummings, a pioneer of Ball township, died on Christmas morning, aged 77 years.

The R. A. M., of Gaylord, installed their officers Monday evening. Several of the fraternity from Grayling attended.

Creamery Butter, and Cream Cheese, at the store of Saling, Hanson & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Coventry, of Maple Forest, attended the installation services, at the M. E. Church, last Friday evening.

For fresh Crackers, Cookies, bread and Confectionery, go to C. Wight's restaurant. He has just received a large assortment.

A sign of improvement in financial matters is the fact, that our merchants all report a satisfactory holiday trade.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

Go to the restaurant of C. Wight where you will find a nice selection of Fresh Cakes, Oranges, Bananas, Malaga Seed, Bulk Oysters, etc.

Arthur Cady spent Christmas with his mother, at Bayley.

The officers of Grayling Relief Corps and Marvin Post, Grand Army of the Republic, will be installed on Saturday evening, Jan. 11th.

Closing out sale of Ladies and Misses Shoes at S. H. & Co. Don't miss it.

The family of H. Trumley were gladdened at Christmas time by the presence of their children, from Vanderbilt.

E. R. McFarland, formerly a resident of Maple Forest, made final proof on his homestead, near Petoskey, last Saturday.

Timothy Cox started last Friday for the West to find a new home. He had not decided whether he would locate in Illinois or Wisconsin.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Most Perfect Made.

MARRIED—On Monday, the 30th, at the residence of Mrs. M. Cowell, Mr. Geo. Cowell and Miss Ethel Reagan. Justice McElroy officiated.

The G. A. B. Post, of West Branch, will install its officers next Monday evening, and they propose serving a picnic Camp Fire. They do not say whether they will serve it hot or cold, but hot, we expect.

S. H. & Co. offer \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 Ladies Shoes for \$2.00. This reduction is made on account of closing out the stock.

Every smoker in town is envious of Nels Michelson for the possession of the finest Meerschaum ever seen in these parts, a Christmas gift from his friend and business partner, R. Hanson.

A large number of our readers will not receive this number of the AV-ALANCHE, for the reason that they are more than a year in arrears on their subscription. We are sorry but can not do business without cash.

It is reported that the son of John Johnson, who is at the asylum for the blind, in Lansing, is in danger of losing his sight entirely. He is a bright boy and we hope he may escape so great a loss.

Anice Barbie, against whom an information had been filed for wilful trespass, and who failed to appear at the last term of court, thus leaving his bondsmen, N. P. Olson and Eugene McKay, "in the soup," was arrested on a bench warrant at Osoda, by Sheriff Chalker, last Monday, and lodged in jail.

Officers of the L. O. T. M.

Ladies of the Maccabees, of Grayling Hive No. 54, elected the following officers at their last regular review:

Lady Commander, Juliette Butler.

Lady Lieut. Com., Kitty Wald.

Lady Record Keeper, Les Goulette.

Lady Fin. Keeper, Clarissa Taylor.

Lady Chaplain, Minnie Enright.

Physician, Dr. Wolfe.

Lady Sergeant, Polly Croteau.

Lady Mist. at Arms, Am. Croteau.

Lady Sentinel, Edith McKay.

Lady Pickett, Jennie Riveto.

Officers of the K. O. T. M.

Crawford Tent No. 192, K. O. T. M., elected the following officers for the ensuing year, at their regular review, last Saturday evening:

Sir Knight Com., Archie McKay.

S. K. Lieut. Com., Jas. J. Collier.

S. K. Record Keeper, Thos. Nolan.

S. K. Fin. Keeper, Wm. Woodfield.

S. K. Chaplain, Chas. Higgins.

S. K. Physician, T. E. Wolfe.

S. K. Sergeant, Peter Brown.

S. K. M. at Arms, C. W. Amidon.

S. K. 1st M. of Guards, A. Croteau.

S. K. 2d M. of Guards, F. Titu.

S. K. Sentinel, Jos. Croteau.

S. K. Pickett, Ben. Kraus.

Local Items—Roscommon News.

Miss Mattie DeWaele arrived home Friday, and will remain during vacation.

Miss Jessie Irish, of Gaylord, and her cousin, Miss Myrtle Rich, of Grayling, spent Christmas in the village.

Miss Vena Jones, of Grayling, made the News office a pleasant call, last Saturday.

A little child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Head, of South Branch, on Friday last week, but such a blessing was not for them and He who gave called the little one to him after a brief existence of 24 hours. The funeral occurred Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Head have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

On Friday, January 24th, our citizens will be given a treat in the way of a grand vocal and instrumental concert at the Opera House, under the management of Miss Vena Jones, of Grayling. Some of the best talent in Grayling, Gaylord and Roscommon will appear and they will be assisted by Miss Grace Inman, of Gaylord who is a celebrated elocutionist. After the concert a dance will be given for which music will be furnished by the Grayling orchestra. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the benefit of the Catholic Church and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Hall's Hair Renewer enjoys the confidence and patronage of people all over the civilized world, who use it to restore and keep the hair a natural color.

Mrs. O. Palmer, with Miss Ida Bailey and the "Boys," went with the storm to Dr. Niles, in Oscoda county, to meet the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Simons, of Thumb Lake, are visiting their father, Mr. N. Hartwick. They are enroute to Florida, for the balance of the winter.

J. A. Ellis, dentist, will be in Grayling, Monday the 6th, for the practice of his profession, and with a view of locating permanently. Give him a call.

Public Installation.

On last Friday evening the members of Grayling Lodge, No. 385, F. & A. M., met in their hall for the purpose of installing the officers elect.

Lodge was opened in due form and called from labor to refreshment, when the members were formed in procession and marched to the M. E. church, under the marshaling of Past Master J. F. Hum, where the installation services were held. The exercises were opened with prayer, by Rev. Mawhorter, Rev. H. L. Cope delivered the address, which was one of the best, if not the best exposition of Masonry ever given in Grayling, and proved conclusively that he had given the subject much attention and that he was a "well posted Mason." The singing by the choir, composed of the Misses Hanson, Jones and Staley, with Miss Hadley as organist, made the exercises still more interesting. The following officers were then duly installed by M. A. Bates, W. M., assisted by P. M. R. D. Connine.

W. M., M. A. Bates.

S. W., Fred Narring.

J. W., Arthur Cady.

Sec., A. Taylor.

Treas., Jno. Leech.

Stewards, Wm. G. Woodfield.

Jr. Deacon, Frank Michelson.

Er. Bell.

W. F. Benkelman.

Wm. Woodburn.

After installation ceremonies were over, the members of the lodge and invited guests proceeded to the W. R. C. hall where Grayling Chapter, O. E. S. had provided a sumptuous banquet of the kind, and prepared in the style, for which the "Stars" of Grayling are noted. It was excellent, and satisfactory to the appetites of the members of the Blue, Chapter and Consistory, and even of the Mystic Shrine, who delight in and are noted for their gustatory proclivities.

At the conclusion of the banquet the members returned to the lodge room and the craft were called from refreshment to labor and lodge duly closed. The fraternity were pleased with their first public installation, address, music and banquet, and the services of the evening, will naturally tend to an increase in the membership of both Grayling Lodge F. & A. M., and Grayling Chapter, O. E. S.

Oregon Correspondence.

Coburg, Dec. 25th 1895.

Mr. Editor:

Thinking your readers might like to hear from this country, will just say a few words: We are having from 50 to 60° above zero. Rains some. Roses are still in bloom. People do little here in the winter. The farmers do their plowing, as soon as it gets wet enough. We are logging a little. I have just run in a few hundred cords of shingle bolts. The mill is running, also the saw mill.

By the way, there was about a month ago two young men here that came from your town, looking the country over, and enjoying themselves to the best of their ability. They did seem to enjoy themselves, but alas, I think they are dead, or we should have heard from them. If their friends enquire for them, say to them, that I have heard of them in San Francisco, Cal.; since then I have heard nothing. They have got lost, or something has happened to them. I send regards to all my old friends in Grayling.

Truly yours, J. C. GOODALE.

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Wood for Sale.

I have a large quantity of Hardwood for sale, at \$1.25 per cord, delivered. PHILLIP MOSHER.

Dec. 12, 1895.

MARRIED—At the residence of the bride's parents, Grayling, Mich., Tuesday evening, Dec. 31st, 1895, by Rev. R. L. Cope, Mr. George Granger, of Interior, Ontonagon county, Mich., and Miss Cora Corwin, of Grayling, Mich. After the ceremony a beautiful supper was served, a moonlight sleigh ride enjoyed, and at 3.05, a. m., New Year's day, the happy couple took the express for Interior, their future home.

Cure for Headache.

As a remedy for all forms of Headache, Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure, and the most dreadful habitual sick headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation, Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tonic to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Large bottles only 60 cents at L. Fournier's Drug Store.

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IN EFFECT NOV. 24, 1895.

Day City Arrive—6:00, 7:12, 8:00, 9:45, 11:20 a. m.; 12:25, 2:05, 3:35, 5:07, 6:30, 8:00, 10:12, 11:20 p. m.

Day City Depart—6:20, 7:00, 8:40, 10:15, 11:20 a. m.; 12:35, 2:05, 3:50, 5:20, 6:40, 8:05, 9:00 p. m.

To Port Huron—6:20 a. m.; 5:25, 9:00 p. m.

Arrive from Port Huron—12:25 p. m.; 8:00 p. m.

To Grand Rapids—6:20 a. m.; 1:25 p. m.

From Grand Rapids—12:25, 10:12 p. m.

To Detroit—7:00, 11:20 a. m.; 8:40, 10:00 p. m.

From Detroit—7:22 a. m.; 12:25, 5:07, 10:12 p. m.

To Toledo—11:20 a. m.; 1:50, 10:00 p. m.

From Toledo—7:22 a. m.; 1:50, 10:00 p. m.

Chicago Express, depart—7:00, 11:20 a. m.; 10:00 p. m.

Chicago Express arrives—7:22 a. m.; 10:12 p. m.

Milwaukee and Chicago—3:40 p. m.

Michigan sleeper between Bay City and Chicago.

Sleeping cars to and from Detroit.

Trains arrive at and depart from Fort St. Union depot, Detroit.

Parlor cars on day trains.

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*Daily.

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Trains leave Grayling as follows:

GOING NORTH.

4:35 P. M. Mackinaw Express, Daily except Sun day; arrives at Mackinaw, 7:40 P. M.

8:02 A. M. Marquette Express, Daily, arrives at Marquette 9:30 A. M.

1:35 P. M. Way Freight, arrives Mackinaw 8:00 P. M.

GOING SOUTH.

1:50 P. M. Detroit Express, arrives at Bay City, 5:15 P. M. Detroit 9:45 P. M.

1:36 A. M. New York Express, Daily, arrives Bay City 5:50 A. M. Detroit, 11:15 A. M.

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'TIS THE THOUGHTFUL ACT THAT TELLS.

From our home of peace and gladness
Comes this happy, jingling rhyme,
With our hearts that know no sadness
At this blessed Christmas time,
As we hear the dear old story
In the pealing of the bells,
To the giver comes the blessing,
"Tis the thoughtful act that tells."

The mistletoe of bygone days
Hangs aloft within our hall,
And the bright red berries holly
Drapes the pictures on the wall,
And the air of sweet contentment
Which in our household dwells
Bears out the cherished saying,
"Tis the thoughtful act that tells."

Let the miser hoard his money—
What pleasure doth he find?
For when the day of reckoning comes
It must all be left behind.
And he laughs to scorn the message,
Of the sweet, melodious bells,
As they bring to him the message
"Tis the thoughtful act that tells."

Let them ring and ring it louder,
Let it sound through every clime,
How our God will love the giver
At the merry Christmas time.
Let them ring and ring for ever,
Until every bosom swells
With the love of helping others,
"Tis the thoughtful act that tells."

C. H. CAPERN.

Miss Mildred's Good Gift.

"Sometimes, I hate Owen Meredith!" said Mildred Chesney, as she threw down with a bang the blue and gold edition of "Lucile" she had been reading.

"Why, Mildred?" exclaimed her widowed sister, Mrs. Gresham, who was calmly doing fancy work at the opposite side of the window. "I didn't know that it was orthodox for a young lady in her first season to do anything else but adore Owen Meredith."

"Well, I don't. Now, here is what I hate; just listen:

"Yet there's none so happy but what he hath been
Just about to be happy at some time,
I ween;

"About to be." Do you notice? Not 'will be' or 'is,' but 'about to be,' as if nothing ever came at the right time. I call it rank pessimism, and poor consolation, too, this is:

And to most of us ere we go down to the grave,
Life, relentless, records the good gift we would have;

But, as though by some strange imperfection in fate,
The good gift, when it comes, comes a moment too late.

"It isn't true, Eleanor, for there are thousands of people who are happy. I have been happy all my life, and I mean to be happy until I die. And what is all that nonsense about the good gift, as if there were only one good gift in the compass of life. No, I don't like Owen Meredith."

A shadow passed over the elder woman's face, and it was a face that showed more development in experience than the ten years' seniority between herself and Mildred seemed to justify; she had lived, suffered and thought, and she had learned to be patient; that also was evident. She dropped her hands in her lap.

"The good gift," Mildred, she repeated; "I fancy it means different things to different people. It means amassing wealth to one man, it means political power to another, it means fame to another, and to most women it means their own ideal of love, for no matter what a woman achieves, she is only just about to be happy until that love is hers."

"Now, that is downright sentimental, Eleanor," laughed the younger woman. "As if there was any one love that had to sweep over you like an avalanche before you could recognize it. It's all well enough in poetry, but I don't believe in it. Now, let's be practical and personal. For instance, there's our English friend, Fred Dalgrave. He is good-looking, cultured, rich and some day will have a title. He wants to marry your humble servant, who hasn't made up her mind yet whether to settle down or not, but I don't love him any better than I do most of my friends, and still, if I marry him, I expect to be happy—not 'about to be happy.' I think my 'good gift' will come at once, and not a moment too late. Why shouldn't one be happy with everything to make her so? It is a woman's own fault if she marries with, and then goes off mourning about being 'unsatisfied' and waiting things that always come a moment too late. Nonsense!"

"You have been a fortunate girl, Mildred," said her sister, "and yet it is easy to philosophize before one suffers. God grant that your happiness may be full and complete and in time, but there are many people who never reach it, save with their finger tips. As to Mr. Dalgrave, this is your first season, and I should be very certain that I loved him more than other men if I were you; more than let us say, for instance—more than Edgar Wilton, just by way of example, you know."

"Oh, Ted!" carelessly answered Mildred, although the color deepened on her cheek; "Ted is just Ted, and I've known him all my life. Then, with an impatient emotion towards the offending "Lucile," she arose to her feet.

"I'll go down-town right now," she said, "and get a check from father for the rest of my Christmas list. Christmas, thank heaven, is one gift that always comes in the nick of time. Even your pessimism, Nell, can't declare that it is one of those intangible 'about-to-be' or that it is ever a 'moment too late,' and the girl went gayly out of the room humming "I Love My Love in the Springtime" under her breath.

Mrs. Gresham looked after her with fond eyes that were a little moist. "Nothing has ever come too late for her yet," she thought. "She has never missed the mother who died in her babyhood, and all other good things

have been hers. I hope 'will always be so."

Mr. William Chesney, the millionaire wholesale and retail dealer in toys, fancy goods and Japanese novelties, was in his private office when his daughter reached his place of business. A ragged woman, with a child in her arms, was standing outside his office door in conference with a clerk.

"He cannot be seen," the clerk was saying, "so you'd better go away."

"Why can't he be seen?" interposed Mildred's fresh, clear voice, with its wilful ring. "Of course he can be seen. I saw him through the window; he isn't busy a bit—come on," to the woman. "I'll take you in."

And sitting the action to the word she opened the door and introduced herself and her poverty-stricken companions to her father's notice.

"The clerk shrugged his shoulders. 'I'd rather it was than me,' he said, 'talking beggars in there,' and then he went about his business."

There was a mixture of emotions on the merchant's face: pleasure at his daughter's presence and annoyance at the sight of her companions, but he rose to the occasion with the air of one who was in the habit of doing his duty.

"What do you want, my good woman?" he asked the wretched-looking creature before him.

"I want help, sir."

"But don't you know that I can't help everybody; even if I gave away all I've got," he remonstrated. "But why don't you put down that heavy child and not carry her?"

"She can't walk, sir; she is paralyzed on one side."

There was a hopeless, quiet despair in her tones and face, something different in her manner from that of a professional mendicant. It was this difference and the sudden interest in Mildred's eyes that made the rich man push a chair to the woman and bid her seat herself and her burden.

"Why did you come to me?" he inquired, "and where is the father of your child?"

Something like a swift flash of pain passed over her set features as she replied to his second question that:

"My husband," she said, with almost imperceptible emphasis, "died four years ago, and I came to you, sir, because he was an Englishman, and I heard that you were born in London yourself. I cannot work, because I have no one to take care of the child, and she is helpless. So we have sunk down to what we are. We can't die, it seems, sir, and we must beg or starve; and I can't let the child starve, if begging will feed her."

"There are children's hospitals," he said, "why don't you go to one of them?"

"I have tried them, but they will not take her except for a few weeks at a time, as she is incapable, and five weeks ago they sent her back to me, and since then I've not been able to work on account of carrying her about with me."

"Did you ask the city for help?"

"Yes, sir; I stood for three days outside the Mayor's door, but could not get to him, and so I thought I'd try you."

All this time the pale little creature in her arms had sat with her big bright eyes fastened on a sample doll that lay on the merchant's desk. A seven-year-old child, with the developed intellect of one of three years, she was but a baby in her speech and thoughts. She looked old, and she was unnaturally quiet. You could not imagine her crying, even for hunger and cold, and yet you could only treat her as an infant. As her mother ceased speaking, she held out her arms rapturously towards the doll.

"Oh," she said, with a sigh of ineffable delight, "the pretty baby, the pretty, pretty baby!"

An impulse that he did not stop to analyze made the merchant pick up the plaything and place it in the crippled arms. A flood of happiness fairly deluged the wizened little face.

"For me?" she almost screamed in her nervous delight, "for me?"

"Yes, for you," he said, while a suspicious moisture clouded his eyes; then pulling himself up, as it were, to the practicalities of life, he handed the mother a bill.

"Where do you live?" he asked, "and what is your name?" And then, as if afraid that he had let his emotional nature get ahead of his business sense, he added, "but would you work if you could?"

"God knows I would, sir," she said, "and I am very thankful for this. I live in Thatcher's tenement, on Water street, now, and I am Mary Wilkinson."

"Dalgrave is a safe counselor," he thought, "No Utopian foolishness about him."

Mildred's reflections as she walked along the crowded thoroughfares were very different. "Just think," she meditated, "that I never realized before that I had any personal obligation towards such people. I've given money, but that isn't much. I wish I had found that child sooner, and perhaps I would if I hadn't been so selfishly happy. Now I suppose the 'good gift' for that woman would be to have her baby walk like other people's babies. Well, we must do something right away. Fred will help, I know."

But when she saw that clear-headed young gentleman he was not as enthusiastic as she was; in fact, his cool, matter-of-fact, half-bored air gave her a queer feeling of disappointment that she had never imagined it possible to feel towards the heir of an English title.

"My dear Miss Mildred," he said, "those heady poor people in the slums are impostors, most of them, and nuisances, too. The more you do for them the more you may do. Like as not the woman took the child from somebody else just to carry her around and excite sympathy from sweet-faced angels like you."

The complaint passed unheeded. "I'll give you a substantial check, Miss Mildred," he went on, "but I must insist—and there was a proprietary air in his manner now that she could not endure—that you give it to some charitable society to look into the case for you, and that you will not think of being seen yourself in that low neighborhood of thieves, thugs and leeches."

"Thank you, Mr. Dalgrave," she said. "If I need it I will ask for it. It turned the conversation to other themes."

That same evening Mr. Edgar Wilton dropped in with the familiarity of an old friend just about sunset, as Mildred and Mrs. Gresham sat talking over the incident of the morning.

"Tell Ted about it," suggested Mrs. Gresham. But it needed some persuasion to induce Mildred to do so. At last, however, she did, but in a half-listen way, as if she expected cold water to be thrown on her sympathetic plans and was dodging the shock.

"Ted," after a thoughtful silence, relieved her mind by looking at the matter in a different way from her English friend.

"You see, Mildred," he said, "there is a possibility that the woman may have deceived you, but that cuts no figure. There is the child, who, at all odds, needs food, warmth and a doctor, too, who may relieve her some if not cure her. I will go with you and Eleanor if you want to look her up. It is a miserable neighborhood, but I believe that in charity as well as in other business, if you want your work done do it yourself, is a first-class maxim. Your father's influence will easily get the child into a hospital; that you can count on, Mildred."

"Oh, yes," she said, and then looking up in a shame-faced way at Mr. Wilton: "Do you know, Ted, this is the first time in my happy life I ever tried to do anything for anybody? Everything has come to me. I mean to make that child better and her mother happy just for my Christmas present to myself."

There was such an eager, determined expression in her eyes that her sister felt her heart sink with the dread of disappointment for her.

"The doctor may not be able to do all you hope, Milly," she said.

"You think everything is too late," petulantly replied the girl. "Do you suppose God would grudge one happy Christmas to that poor woman?"

While Mr. Edgar Wilton cast a look of unmitigated reproach at the older woman, who had dared to hint that any wish of Mildred's might go astray, it was self-evident that Miss Chesney was a spoilt young lady, and it was also easily discoverable that she had Mr. Ted's heart in her possession.

Mrs. Wilkinson and little Nellie were found in Thatcher's tenement-house, and to Mildred's great relief were no imposters. In two days the little girl was transported to a hospital ward in a private hospital and a home found for the mother. But the doctor shook his head as he passed his hand over Nellie's shrunken, lifeless limbs, and noted her bright eyes and the scarlet spot on her thin cheeks.

"I see that Miss Mildred has set her heart on this," he said to Mrs. Gresham, when they were alone; "but you had better tell her that my skill would be of no avail. Starvation, cold and living around from one place to another have done their work. It is only a question of a little time now. As to the paralytic, I might have bettered her condition some with a chair and some other appliances, but Miss Chesney found the child just a little too late to save her life."

When this was told her, Mildred grieved bitterly, and gave up her Christmas work to visit the hospital daily, where an uncomplaining child hugged her first doll to her heart day and night, and the child's mother, through Mr. Chesney's influence, hovered near, with patient, sorrowful eyes, like a burdened creature that had learned the futility of a struggle.

The same stars that nearly nineteen hundred years ago shone down on the birthplace of the Child of Bethlehem were in the clear Christmas sky when little Nellie reached out with her one useful hand to her mother, who, with the nurse, sat beside her.

"Do you hear the bells?" she asked.

"What are they for?"

"Christmas Day, darling," she answered.

"And I've got a Christmas, too, this time," the child said, with a faint, contented sigh. Then, after a while, she looked around as if hunting for something. "My baby," she cried, "my pretty baby! I can't see it at all, mamma; let me feel her; my pretty Christmas baby!" And then the bright eyes closed as the one arm tightly clasped her treasure, and before the bells had ceased their joyful chiming the Christmas stars were looking down out of their eternal stillness upon the face of one of Christ's little ones.

When Miss Chesney came in the morning with her hands filled with toys for Nellie, they took her to the white cot where the child lay with her doll in her arms. Death had stamped

such a smile of peace upon her face that even Mildred felt that tears here were out of place.

"I meant to make this such a happy Christmas for you, Mrs. Wilkinson," she said, as they stood beside the frail little mortal that had "put on immortality," "but I was a moment too late."

"Don't say that, Miss Chesney," the woman sobbed. "I am not unhappy. It is a good Christmas, for my Nellie will never be cold or hungry or neglected any more."

On Christmas Day Mr. Fred Dalgrave, heir to a title, laid himself, title and all, at Mildred Chesney's feet, so to speak, only to be raised to a standing posture and gently but firmly declined as a Christmas present.

On New Year's Eve Mr. Edgar Wilton came on pretty much the same errand, without a title, the result of which errand may be surmised when we learn that before they separated for the evening the following took place:

"You know what Owen Meredith says, Ted?" Mildred asked. "That there are none so beguiled and defrauded by chance."

But what once in his life some minute circumstance would have fully sufficed to secure him the bliss which, missing it then, he forever must miss.

And I've made up my mind not to let a minute circumstance that can be split with three letters stand in the way of my bliss for the want of saying it. In the last few weeks I've learned that there is one 'good gift,' and I'm going to take it from you, Ted, just now, and here she turned a pair of tear-filled eyes up to his face—"I'll be in my loving as I was in my Christmas for Nellie's mother, a moment too late."

And Ted did what most any young man would do where there is a pair of pretty, tear-filled eyes close to his mustache—kissed them dry and bright again.

A FREAK WHITE DEER.

Head of a Sheep, Eyes of a Cat, and Hair of a Man.

As Farmer George broke, who lives two miles north of Foxcroft village, Me., was driving in his wagon toward Pratt's Corner on a recent Saturday, he saw ahead of him what he took to be a white calf browsing in the bushes by the roadside. His horse showed symptoms of fright, and as he whipped him up to pass the creature the farmer saw that it was not a calf but a white deer. No sooner was he well past than Lebrock bethought himself that he wanted that deer, and turning his horse, drove back to his neighbor Washburn's house to borrow a gun. No one was at home, so starved again for the corner, he drove for the third time by the deer, which manifested little alarm at his presence and continued to pasture by the road.

At Pratt's Corner lives Clarence Sprague, and to him the farmer told of his discovery. Sprague took his Winchester rifle and went down the road to the point where the deer had been seen. The creature had left the roadside and was crossing a pasture, browsing leisurely at the sprouts and bush tops as he went. Sprague followed it into the woods, and dropped it with a bullet at the second shot, ten minutes after he first came in sight of it. He brought it into town the same day, where it attracted attention as a curiosity.

The deer was a two-year-old buck, with spike horns. Its skin was milk-white, except for a double row of grayish brown spots extending along the back from the nose to the tail. But the most remarkable feature about it was the head, which in shape strongly resembled that of a sheep, the face being short and aquiline, while the eyes were those of a cat rather than of a deer. The creature's legs were shorter and stouter than is usual in a deer.

Various theories have been advanced for the singular conformation of the animal, but the most probable one is that its mother, as sometimes happens with the deer, ran with the domestic stock in some back pasture, and by her constant association with them, some of her characteristics were impressed upon her unborn fawn. This theory is the most probable in view of the concern with which the young buck viewed the approach of men and the horse and wagon.

The skin and head, complete, has been mounted by a local taxidermist, and eventually will find a place in some scientific collection, where it will afford an interesting object of study to the naturalist.

The Original "John Bull."

An English magazine says that the original "John Bull" was Dr. John Bull, the first Gresham Professor of Music, organist of Hereford Cathedral, and composer to Queen Elizabeth. John, like a true Englishman, traveled for improvement, and, having heard of a famous musician at St. Omer, he placed himself under him as a novice; but a circumstance very soon convinced the master that he was inferior to the scholar. The musician showed John a song which he had composed in forty parts, telling him at the same time that he defied all the world to produce a person capable of adding another part to his composition. Bull desired to be left alone, and to be indulged for a short time with pen and ink. In less than three hours he added forty parts more to the song, upon which the Frenchman was so much surprised that he swore in great ecstasy he must either be the devil or John Bull, which has ever since been proverbial in England.

A Railroad Under Water.

A railroad through the sea is to be built between Brighton and Rottingden, England, the rails being so near low-water mark that they will be submerged the greater part of the time. There are four rails, the outside ones being eighteen feet apart, fastened to concrete blocks mortised in bed rock. On these four-wheeled trucks will run supporting twelve-inch steel tubes, inside which are the shafts that propel the wheels. The tubes rise twenty-three feet above the rails supporting the car, which has a deck 46x22 feet. The motive power will be electricity conveyed by the trolley system.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Flying-machine inventors and kindred soaring spirits will be pleased to learn that at Milano a "Society for the Assistance of Poor Inventors" is about to extend its blessings.

During the year 394 lives were lost on steam-vessels from a passenger-list of 700,000,000. In other words, a traveler by boat takes one chance in 2,100 of losing his life.

Montana raised and sold something more than \$7,000,000 worth of cattle this year. The State has other resources than her ranches and mines, for the value of her agricultural products this year is estimated at \$12,000,000.

The United States leads all nations in its educational facilities, a fact which is proved by the manner in which the people avail themselves of these privileges. The report of the Federal Commissioner of Education shows that in 1904 the enrollment of pupils in public schools was 14,012,498, and in private schools 3,517,770.

There is a parish in the Department of the Isere, France, which at the next drawing for conscripts will be unable to supply a single recruit. Less than half a century ago the village possessed 700 inhabitants, but now there are scarcely half that number, the death rate being out of proportion to the number of births, and the departure in trade compelling the young men to go to the cities, with the result that not one of the required age for recruits is forthcoming.

Dr. Cyrus Edson, the well known physician of New York, claims that there has been discovered a method of treatment which will almost instantly cure consumption, yellow fever, malaria, and even blood poisoning. The remedy is not a serum, but a chemical well known to the medical profession, and is applied by subcutaneous injection. There is no physician in the country whose opinion commands more respect than Dr. Edson's.

Among the flags now preserved in the War Department at Washington there is one conspicuous by its absence. That is the old flag of Fort Sumter. "However," said a Grand Army of the Republic veteran the other day, "it is in good hands, as it is the prized relic of the family of Major-General Anderson, the hero of Fort Sumter. Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, the widow of the general, had a special vault built for it in her house in Washington, whence it is taken only on special occasions."

There are now outstanding 780,000,000 copper cents, representing a value of \$7,800,000. It is safe to say that most of these coins do not exist to day for practical purposes; that is to say, they are lost in one way or another. Uncle Sam must keep on supplying 40,000,000 or 50,000,000 coppers annually in order to keep the necessary number in circulation. Indeed, the number required will steadily grow with the increase of population and the reduction of prices. And yet it seems odd, for one of these copper pieces is an object practically indispensable. Unlike paper money, it can hardly be chewed up by the family puppy dog, swallowed by the baby or lost in the parlor stove—all of which are potent agents for the destruction of greenbacks, as is demonstrated by the records of the Treasury.

It has been generally supposed that the strains of music have a peculiar influence in subduing the untamed spirits of wild animals. This belief, may possibly have been incited by the savage howl of the wolf, which is a mistaken one, as is agreed by all who have made a practical test of the matter. Dogs sometimes show their appreciation of music by emitting sympathetic howls. Cats, on the other hand, are apparently disgusted with harmonious sounds as produced by human agency, and at once retire to a distance, solacing themselves with their own vocal renditions. Singing birds, however, are charmingly affected, and thrill as if their little breasts would break in the effort to surpass the performer. Hyenas, rhinoceroses, hippopotamuses, pigs, ostriches, deer, llamas, tigers, lions and leopards apparently are not affected by music excepting that they occasionally show some curiosity.

Telegraph wires and cables have done much toward making the world smaller, and the work is still going on. The latest movement in that line is the proposed laying of a cable from Para to a point 1,100 miles up the Amazon River, with the view of ultimately carrying it into Peru, which is entered by the Amazon near the seventeenth meridian. Here the extensive branches of the great river reaches out west and south to points within seventy miles of the Pacific. That the river so far from its source is broad and deep is shown by the fact that twenty years ago the Peruvians had a system of gunboats on it which were all senzening vessels of about 800 tons, and twelve feet draught. They were built in Europe, and taken from Callao to the Amazon through the Straits of Magellan. People in Lima expect that within a few years steamers will run from the headwaters of the Amazon direct to Europe. This is a hint for enterprising Americans engaged in the South American trade.

There is every reason to believe that the auturetic continent, certain evidence of the existence of which have been recently discovered, is considerably larger than Europe in area. It contains more than 8,000,000 square miles. Mr. C. E. Borchgrevink, who has journeyed well into this region and has observed it carefully, declares that it contains some large and fierce carnivorous animals at present unknown to science. It will be remembered that neither the polar bear nor any other large carnivorous land animal has been found in antarctic latitudes. Mr. Borchgrevink, however, thinks that he has discovered traces of some such creature from the curious wounds observed on the backs of a number of seals. It was frequently noticed that the furry skins of these animals exhibited scars indicative of wounds they had received. At first it seemed reasonable to suppose that such wounds were received in the furious combats which, under certain circumstances, seals wage against each other.

but careful examination of the traces of these wounds has shown that they could have been made only by some immense, powerful animal, at present unknown to zoologists.

The most attractive field for railroad investment remaining undeveloped in the United States lies between the Missouri and Arkansas rivers, and between the east and west lines of the States of Missouri and Arkansas. It embraces the southern half of Missouri and the northern half of Arkansas. It is an empire in natural resources. If a wall was built around it the people would want for nothing that goes to make life comfortable. Barring the precious metals, more natural wealth is within its boundaries than within any other region of like size in this country. All of the metals all of the woods, all of the stones and clay are there. To these are added fertile and soil which furnish the most successful conditions for all of the fruits of the temperate zone. Water powers in number and strength exist beyond the comprehension of those who have not seen them. Draw a line from St. Louis to Little Rock, from Little Rock to Fort Smith, from Fort Smith to Kansas City, from Kansas City back to St. Louis. You have described an area which is capable of supporting more people in comfort than any part of the United States of like size. And you have a region in which more people are living to-day without railroads than anywhere else in this country. Twenty counties in Arkansas and thirty counties in Missouri lie within the boundaries of this undeveloped region. Eighteen of them have not a mile of railroad. Twelve others are but little better off, with a single railroad cutting off a corner or skirting the border, or penetrating to the County seat. Yet the fifty counties each contain, by the last census, a population ranging from 8,000 to 15,000. They are living in this territory 200,000 people, who are more than ten miles from a railroad station, and 25,000 of them never rode on the cars.

Food of All Nations.

Tastes certainly differ vastly in the matter of foods with various nations, and so do appetites. An Italian, for instance, would be content with a piece of bread and grapes for a day's food, while an Eskimo in the same time would demolish twenty pounds of flesh, and a Tartar perhaps even more. However, quality and not quantity is the matter of greater interest, and certainly here we have plenty of variety. The nose of the moose deer is considered a great delicacy by the New Brunswickers, while the fins and tail of the shark are esteemed specially nourishing and delicious by John Chinaman. The Celestial has also a fine taste in unbatched ducks and chickens, sea slugs, fish maws, birds' nests, and many other delicacies unknown in unenlightened Europe.

In Polynesia raw sharks' flesh is much relished, and it is openly sold in the market of Havana. On the Gold Coast the natives rank shark amongst such highly esteemed delicacies as alligator and hippopotamus. We ourselves revel in turtle, and yet we decline to have anything to do with the tortoise, though a very large amount of the soup in Italy and Sicily is made of the land tortoise boiled down to a strong essence. Land tortoise are also much appreciated in some of the West Indian Islands, and in North America the eggs of the close tortoise are reckoned a great delicacy.

In both North and South America the flesh and the eggs of the salt water terrapin are considered a luxury. Skillfully cooked, even the hideous, scaly iguana is rendered very palatable, for its flesh resembles chicken with the flavor of turtle. If stewed or curried it is as good as rabbit or chicken, and the soup made from it is excellent. The eggs of reptiles are wonderfully good, and none are better than those of the iguana and the land tortoise. Crocodiles, lizards and frogs are all eaten by various people, and the first is very often excellent food, resembling fish or pork, but some kinds have a fishy flavor that is exceedingly disagreeable. Alligator tastes somewhat like sucking pig, and at Manila is sold for food prices, while the Chinese greatly value the dried skin for making the gelatinous soups to which they are so partial.

Herring Drops.

After a heavy shower had once swept over Lake Gynant a shower of small fishes resembling young herring began to fall, to the amazement of the women who were gathered about the banks washing. The storm was a particular, if severe one, accompanied by thunder and lightning, and the "living rain" had evidently been transported a long distance before being dropped into their native element again.

The transportation of fish through the air is by no means uncommon. The city of Louisville, Ky., was once visited by a shower of fishes. The fall of rain was extraordinary, overflowing the streets, and the following morning quantities of small fish, the sun perch, were found swimming in the gutters. Attempts were made to discover where they came from, but no extraordinary whirlwind had been noticed in the vicinity, and so far as known, the source was never traced. That fishes are lifted out of the ocean by the wind and whisked away, is a well known fact. One morning the farmers of the island of Isla, Argyllshire, were amazed to find numbers of small herring lying in the grass of their fields, and as many of them were still alive it was evident that the transfer had been made recently. A similar experience was chronicled by the farmers of Kent: while Lord Eastwood writes a fall of crabs upon his well known estate, Tittenhanger Park, Kent. As with others recorded, the crabs fell during or following a fierce rain storm and had been caught up by the wind.

Suicide from Spite.

Four years ago a Hungarian judge named Moriz Reval married a very beautiful girl. The alliance proved a failure. Two months ago they parted in anger, the wife taking with her a \$5000 insurance policy on her husband's life. Reval then committed suicide, avowedly out of spite, because thereby, under the clearly expressed conditions of the policy, the insurance company was released from all liability.

A Dead City of Caylen.

As I gazed, the moon rose slowly in the sky, a burnished shield of liquid light. Her long white rays glittered upon the solemn forest, and penetrated the far recesses of the hills, trailing a broad pathway of silver over the water till it was lost at last in the distant shadows of the mountain.

As I drawn by some spell, I walked slowly towards the lake till I stood at last on a rising ground that overlooked the broad still sheet of water. There, to the right, between the mountain and the shore, lay the ruins of the city of the long dead past. Flooded by the moonlight, it swam in a haze of glory, each mound of decaying stone crowned with trees, each crumbling wall clothed with a garment of nature's own providing. It was the very apotheosis of decay.

It had been no puny city. Far up the mountain's lower slope, far back to where the hills drew down to the shore, the long succession of its ruins extended—here in great shapeless mounds that stood alone, a few broken shafts and shattered pediments still standing out, clear, sharp-cut, and angular; in the crumbling walls, there in the long ranges of crumbling gates, through which vast fig-trees shot up their wealth of leaves, that marked the course of some broad avenue which went on and on till it lost itself in the white distance—Lippincott's.

Curious Accident.

Assistant Manager A. R. Dupern, of the Alameda, Oakland and Piedmont Street Railway Company, had his eyebrows, eyelashes and hair burned off, the result of a curious accident. Mr. Dupern was explaining to one of the employees in the company's powerhouse on Webster street, Alameda, a plan, the drawing of which he had in his hand. He referred to some changes to be made in the wires which conduct electricity in the cars. Mr. Dupern dropped a brass rule which he had in his hand. It fell upon a "live" wire. A flash of lightning instantly issued from the wire. It flamed up with such force as to set fire to the paper which Mr. Dupern was holding over the wire. The workman fled.